

# GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **A. QUESTIONS ABOUT FOLLOW UP SURVEYS**

We have received a number of inquiries in the last several weeks concerning Fourth Cycle MSIP requirements for follow up surveys conducted with graduates. The Specific Standard, 8.1.2 reads: “The district conducts surveys of students during the year of graduation to gather information regarding their school experience and during the second year following graduation, regarding how well the district has prepared their students for work or postsecondary education”. Further comment received from the MSIP Section: “A survey completed at the graduation exit interview will meet the intent of this standard for the first survey.” If you have further questions regarding follow up surveys, please contact the MSIP Section at DESE at 573-751-4426.

### **B.WORKSHOPS WILL IMPACT DIGEST**

During the next several weeks, the Guidance and Placement staff will be conducting workshops around the state. Because of this, the schedule for transmitting the Digest, which is every two weeks, may not be met. We ask that you be patient with us; we will try to send out information that needs to be addressed in the immediate future as we get it. These transmissions will be, of necessity, on an irregular basis. We will resume the normal schedule as soon as possible.

## **PROGRAM COMPONENTS:**

**(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)**

### **{CURRICULUM}-Information coming in October concerning this area**

### **{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}**

#### **INFORMATION AVAILABLE ABOUT MISSOURI FINE ARTS ACADEMY AND MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY**

You can access a timeline of important dates pertaining to the two **summer academies for gifted students** sponsored by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at

<http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/gifted/combinedacademies/ApplicationTimelines.pdf>

**Please inform all counselors, teachers, or administrators who are responsible for preparing the academy nomination forms.** It is crucial that the directions and deadlines of the forms be followed in order to select the most appropriate student(s) and to avoid disqualifying the school's nominee(s). All pages or components of the nomination forms must be included at the time they are submitted.

**Please note that the deadlines for student nomination forms and faculty/staff application for the Missouri Fine Arts Academy are considerably earlier than the deadlines for the Missouri Scholars Academy.** Because each student at the Missouri Fine Arts Academy is given applied lessons in his or her art form, the students must be selected early in the year so that appropriate faculty can be hired.

**The 2007 Missouri Fine Arts Academy will be held on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield on June 10-June 30, 2007. The 2007 Missouri Scholars Academy will be held on the campus of the University of Missouri in Columbia on June 10-June 30, 2007.**

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The timeline is intended as a guide for the staff members responsible for encouraging interested students to apply for the academies, take the necessary tests, and/or prepare a video or portfolio, as indicated. **Note that the information regarding access to student nomination forms on the web for both Academies are mailed to district superintendents.** Complete information about the nomination process will be included with the web access letter.

**A letter explaining the process for accessing the Missouri Fine Arts Academy nomination forms on-line will be mailed in mid-September and the letter explaining the process for accessing the Missouri Scholars Academy nomination forms on-line will be mailed in mid- November.**

Brochures describing each Academy, as well a flyer about each Academy entitled “What It Is,” can be accessed on the Department web site at <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/gifted/index.html>

If you have other questions about either Academy, you may call David Welch, Director of Gifted Education Programs at 573-751-2453.

Thank you for your assistance in making these unique programs available to your students.

## **{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}**

The Missouri Center for Safe Schools hosts the National School Safety Center in the presentation of this 6-hour seminar, funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Community Oriented Policing. **Location:** Lenoir Community Center, Columbia **Date:** Tuesday, October 10, 2006--- **Lunch provided** **Time:** 8:30 a.m. registration--- 9:00 a.m. training begins---3:30 p.m. adjourn Registration fee \$45 per attendee, payable to “Missouri Center for Safe Schools/UMKC”

To access the registration form, go to <http://education.umkc.edu/safe-school/>

## **{SYSTEM SUPPORT-No information in this issue}**

## **CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:**

### **A.TRAINING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE :**

A training on MENTAL HEALTH AND DISASTERS: A BASIC APPROACH FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, at St. Louis University. Registration is through the St. Louis University Learning Management System (LMS System) This is a no-cost one-day workshop designed to introduce school administrators, counselors and nurses to the unique aspects of disaster mental health in a school setting. The workshop will include information on disaster response, the potential reactions in children of different age groups, attention to children with special needs and intervention strategies to help children and adults cope. To register go to <http://www.heartlandcenters.com/Public/> and click on Register with Us on the left-hand menu bar. If you have any difficulty, please contact Christy McFarland, Heartland Centers’ LMS Coordinator, by phone at 314-977-8295 or by e-mail at [mcfarlc@slu.edu](mailto:mcfarlc@slu.edu).

**B. MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF CAREER SERVICES (MACS-FORMERLY MISSOURI PLACEMENT ASSOCIATION) FALL CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2006 AT THE NEW COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT IN COLUMBIA, MO.** To learn more about this organization go to <http://www.mo-acte.org/> or To download a copy of the registration form for the conference, go to <http://macs.mo-acte.org/documents/MACS06FallRegistrationForm.pdf>

**C. MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) FALL CONFERENCE AT TAN TAR A NOV 5-7, 2006 WITH A PRE-CONFERENCE ON NOV 4.** For a conference preview go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/ConfPrev%200728.pdf> . To download a registration form, go to: <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/2006%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

**D. BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE, NOV 12-14, 2006 AT TAN TAR A.** For current information go to: <http://missouricareereducation.org/pd/conference06.html>

**E. 2006 ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) CONVENTION AND CAREER TECH EXPO, Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2006 at Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia.** For information and registration information, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/convention/index.cfm>

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